

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 421

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Cleveland State Community College on the occasion of the school's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those institutions of higher learning that are dedicated to the education of young men and women and that provide a stable educational force in the local community to build the local workforce; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State Community College (CSCC) is one such institution of higher learning, which has, since its founding in 1967, offered an effective and affordable route to the baccalaureate degree through transfer programs to its students; and

WHEREAS, CSCC is celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year; during the past forty years, this exemplary college has graduated over 10,000 students; and

WHEREAS, one of the first three community colleges in the State of Tennessee, CSCC was established through the foresight and support of former Chancellor of the State Board of Regents Roy Nicks, former Chairman of the State Board of Education Howard Warf, former member of the State Board of Education T. Wesley Pickle, and former Senator Ben Longley; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of CSCC had as its foundation a partnership with the community, which includes Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, and Polk counties, to fulfill its needs; their partnership remains strong to this day; and

WHEREAS, CSCC has trained citizens for jobs that have promoted industry, helped workers upgrade their skills, and provided affordable options to people who have never had the opportunity to further their educational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, a shining educational beacon to the people of southeast Tennessee, CSCC is committed to accessibility through open admissions, low tuition, financial assistance, and a

diverse selection of credit, non-credit, professional development, and personal enrichment courses; and

WHEREAS, the impressive list of Presidents of Cleveland State Community College includes Dr. David F. Adkisson, Dr. L. Quentin Lane, Dr. Jim Ford, Dr. Owen Cargol, and Dr. Carl Hite; and

WHEREAS, CSCC has also benefited from the expertise of a number of illustrious Foundation Presidents, including Dr. David F. Adkisson, Mr. Harold Almond, Mr. Arch Fitzgerald, Mr. Mike Callaway, Mr. Sam McReynolds, Mr. Ron Braam, Mr. Gray Epperson, Mr. Don Lorton, Mr. Jeff Morelock, Mr. James O. Williams, and Ms. Amy Card Lillios; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Cleveland State Community College has received unwavering and enthusiastic support from the fine community it serves; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the faculty, staff, students, and supporters of Cleveland State Community College for their commitment to higher education, congratulate them upon the celebration of the institution's fortieth anniversary, and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.